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assault artillery guns being
 furnished to Yugoslavia by Russia.

1. The assault guns are completely closed and heavily armor-plated. They do not have a turning turret, but have a construction in the form of a case. Their limited traverse favors the heavy armor plate and a lower construction.

(comment: It is supposed, on the basis of the traverse indicated below, that the case construction contains a slit allowing the gun some 10° play on either side of direct center.)

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2. The reinforced parts of these self-propelled assault pieces make them suitable for offensive and defensive tasks in support of infantry and tanks. Their strong armor renders them capable of front line combat. Normal self-propelled guns with their weak armor and their open construction are not feasible for such employment.
3. These self-propelled pieces are distinguished from those normally drawn by tractor only by superior mobility and a faster method of preparation for fire. (It is not necessary to emplace the fore-wheels, thus allowing a prompt change of position.)

4. The following statistics on artillery assault guns in the Yugoslav Army:

<u>SU.85</u>	<u>SU.122</u>	<u>SU.152</u>
Caliber.....85mm	122mm	152mm
Model.....M.39	M.38	M.37
Model of chassis.....T.34	T.34	Truck 1
Weight.....circ. 40 tons	circ. 34 tons	circ. 45 tons
Frontal armor.....100-150mm	100-150mm	100-150mm
Traverse.....circ. 20°	circ. 60°	circ. 20°
Elevation.....circ. 25°	circ. 45°	circ. 35°

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